**Appendix A - Consultation Questions – Shropshire Council, Council Tax Support Scheme 2027 onwards**

## Disregard Child Benefit as an Income

### Background

With effect from 2013 each billing authority was required to design and implement its own scheme for working age residents on low incomes, whilst accommodating a 10% reduction in government funding

### Proposed Change

In 2013 Shropshire Council took the decision to remove the child benefit income disregard. This change was detrimental to low-income families with children.

Shropshire Council is now proposing to change its scheme for 2027 onwards, to disregard child benefit as an income in its calculation for council tax support. This change will benefit low-income families with children.

The estimated cost of this change is £750k to £800k per year.

### Questions

Do you agree with the Councils proposal to make this change?

Yes/No

Do you have any additional comment to make about this proposal?

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